(b) The prices of medicines are controlled by Bureau of Industrial Cost & Prices following definite norms which do not allow unnecessary increase in prices.

(c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(d) This would affect adversely the indigenous manufacturers particularly in the small scale sectors.

T. B. Patients in Rajasthan

1533. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of T. B. patients are on the increase in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the number of such patients in the State during the last three years; and

(c) the action taken to control the disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) There is no evidence to suggest that the number of T. B. patients are on the increase in Rajasthan.

(b) As per information reported by the Government of Rajasthan, the number of new T. B. patients detected during last three years are as under:—

1985-86	—	43905
1986-87	—	40926
1987-88	—	35135

(c) Under the National T. B. Control Programme, a fully equipped and staffed District T. B. Centre to undertake free diagnostic and treatment activities through all existing medical and health institutions including Primary Health Centres are functioning in all the Districts of Rajasthan except Dholpur District. To prevent the development of the disease, BCG vaccination is being given to children of age group 0-1 year as a part of the universal programme of immunisation.

C.G.H.S. Dispensary at Bhilwara

1534. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to open any dispensary at Bhilwara under the Central Government Health Scheme; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) No, Sir. A minimum concentration of 7,500 Central Government employees is required for extension of C.G.H.S. facilities to a new city. The question of extension of C.G.H.S. facilities to Bhilwara will be considered after the norm is fulfilled, subject to availability of resources.

Non-availability of Medical Attention in Government Hospitals in Delhi

1535. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHRAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only skeletal medical attention was available in the major hospitals of Delhi from 30th October to 1st November, 1988 and even patients needing emergency care were turned out; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.